prescribed, the necessary physical fitness and have also a special aptitude for entry into the Military Service of the State. Candidates so selected should be appointed on probation for one year and confirmed as Second Grade Jamedars if they satisfactorily complete the necessary training within the period of probation.

3. There are at present three vacancies in the Commissioned Ranks of the Mysore Infantry. The Chief Commandant proposes that one of these may be filled up by promoting Havildar Ramaraj Urs of the 1st Battalion who is the most senior of the Havildars in the three Infantry Regiments and is found to be fit for promotion; and the other two by the direct recruitment of the following two candidates :—

(1) R. V. Karve, son of Mr. V. V. Karve, L. C. E., Superintending Engineer, Shimoga Circle. Qualification : Matriculate. Has experience in the University Training Corps at Bombay.

(2) Ahmed Khan, Assistant Master, Urdu Middle School, Shimoga, Age 21 years. Qualification : School Final Examination.

4. The above proposals are approved. The candidates appointed by direct recruitment will be on probation for one year.

R. RANGA RAO,
General Secretary to Government.

Grant of Lands as a Reward for Military Service.

READ—

Government Order No. G. 8885—Mily. 290-25-6, dated 24th January 1929, issuing revised rules for grant of lands to members of the Mysore Army and Palace Military Establishments.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. 503—M. S. B. dated 19th August 1930, from the Secretary, Mysore Soldiers' Board, forwarding a draft set of revised rules on the subject.

ORDER NO. G. 5292-348—MILY. 53-30-2, DATED 17TH NOVEMBER 1930.

In view of the exacting conditions of military service and the need for making it attractive, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja have considered it necessary to provide for rewarding in a special manner, members of the Mysore Army and of the Palace Military Establishments who have rendered exceptionally distinguished or exemplary military service; and for granting to the families of those who were killed in action or who died or retired after serving in the Great War some means of subsistence in addition to what is given under the Service Regulations. Grant of lands free of upset price appeared to the Government to be the best method of rewarding such services and they have from time to time passed orders issuing Rules under Section 233 of the Mysore Land Revenue Code to regulate the grant of lands in such cases.

The Rules in force till now were those issued with the Government Order of 24th January 1929 read above. As these Rules were found to be defective in certain respects and required to be liberalised, they were referred to the Mysore Soldiers' Board for scrutiny. That Board, under the Chairmanship of Rajamantrapravina Mr. C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, has after considering all aspects of the question submitted proposals for the revision of the Rules in certain respects, the main features of these proposals being the following:—

(1) That in the case of retired officers and men who had rendered field service, though not exemplary, land grant may, according to the practice in vogue, be allowed on a sliding scale in proportion to their field service;

(2) that the families of deceased officers and men not killed in action should be entitled to land grant in the same way as the officers and men would have been, had they applied for the same during their life time;

(3) that with regard to officers and men who have rendered service during peace time, they should be eligible for land grant if they have rendered exceptionally distinguished and exemplary service in addition to service for a period qualifying for full pension;

(4) that for purposes of land grant to clerks, they should be treated as equal to that class of combatants drawing similar pay in the field and should be entitled to get half of what is admissible to combatants; and

(5) that clerks who have rendered exemplary Depot Service during the War should be eligible for land grant.

The Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to accord sanction to the amendments proposed by the Mysore Soldiers' Board. The Rules as revised are appended to this order and will be published in the Gazette for general information and guidance.

R. RANGA RAO,
General Secretary to Government.

RULES FOR THE GRANT OF LAND AS A REWARD FOR MILITARY SERVICE.

1. The grant of land is in addition to pension, if any, earned by the individual. It must be understood, however, that the grant of land being a bounty from Government, no person can claim it as of right.

2. These concessions will not apply to persons who retired prior to the issue of the Military Settlement Order of 1917, unless they have rendered Field Service during the last War.

3. Men who take their discharge voluntarily will not also be entitled to these concessions unless they have rendered field service.

4. The cases of those who are entitled to land grant under the Order of 1917 but have not yet been granted lands should be dealt with under these rules.

5. The Commandant of the Regiment may, immediately before or after the retirement of a soldier, or after the death of a soldier or at other time when an application is received and a grant is due under these rules, make a recommendation to the Chief Commandant for the grant of lands to the soldier or his family as the case may be. If the soldier is eligible for the grant of land and the Chief Commandant is of opinion that, in consideration of the soldier's exemplary and distinguished conduct while on field service or on account of the injuries received in action or exemplary or distinguished services in peace time, the concession may be shown to him, the Chief Commandant will submit his recommendation to Government.

6. In cases under Clause (i) of Rule 8, the recommendation may be sent up as soon as an applicant becomes eligible for the concession without waiting for his retirement. Full information should be given when making the recommendation to enable Government to decide the case on its merits.

7. The Kille Kacheri Bakshi in respect of the Kille Kacheri and the Palace Band, and the Commandant of the Body Guard in the case of the Body Guard will send up recommendations for the grant of lands to men in these units to the Huzur Secretary who will satisfy himself as to the eligibility of the individuals for the grant and forward the applications to Government.

FIELD AND PEACE SERVICE—EXEMPLARY.

8. For purposes of these rules, the term "Exemplary Military Service" shall mean:—

(i) Devotion to duty or other acts of gallantry, conspicuous acts of bravery in the Field and shall include cases of injuries received in action.

(ii) Continuance in service for 15 years with field service.

(iii) Exceptionally distinguished and exemplary service for a period qualifying for full pension during peacetime.

(iv) Also any other act deserving special notice and worthy of a suitable reward at the pleasure of Government.